House Resolution No. 4845

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State married couples who have demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their wedding vows; and

Whereas, on November 5, 1933, Odes Dalton took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Ethel Hagar, as the two pledged their troth and devotion during marriage ceremonies which were conducted at the home of Justice of the Peace Bedford Kermodie; and

Whereas, seventy years later, Odes and Ethel Dalton can look back on a wonderful relationship which has been blessed by the arrival of three children, Wanda Jean, born February 4, 1935; Violet Irene, born on January 1, 1937; and Thomas Hubert, born on December 18, 1949; and

Whereas, Odes Dalton was born on October 23, 1908, into the family of John and Sara Dalton as one of six children; and

Whereas, Ethel Dalton was born on January 28, 1911, to Tommy and Lydia Hagar as the eldest of ten children; and

Whereas, Odes supported his growing family in the early years of their marriage by working as a carpenter and as a farmer who raised hogs, cattle, chickens, and a large vegetable garden; and

Whereas, in addition to her skills as a housewife and mother, Ethel worked later in life at Vitronic for seven and one-half years; and

Whereas, Ethel and Odes Dalton are affectionately known as Ma-Maw and Pa-Paw by their grandchildren, who include Wanda and Dwyane King, Irene and Irvin Eddington, and Tom and Marilyn Dalton, and their numerous great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Seventieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Odes Dalton and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more celebratory events to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Odes and Ethel Dalton of Gatewood, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4845, adopted

December 16, 2003.